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examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

U.S. Patent Application Publication No.2002/100129 to HUEN, which was published on August 1, 2002;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No.2002/116775 to WONG, which was published on August 29, 2002;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No.2002/84707 to TANG, which was published on July 4, 2002;

U.S. Patent No.6,140,723 to MATSUI et al., which was issued on October 31, 2000;

German Patent Application Publication No. 40 02 199, which was published on July 25, 1991; and

European Patent Application Publication No. 1 193 844, which was published on April 3, 2002.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying European rules to the European claims are set forth in the European Search Report.

Further, in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 09-173360, which was published on July 8, 1997, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

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Applicants note that the Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application; and

International Patent Application Publication No. WO 2004/49547, which was published June 10, 2004.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

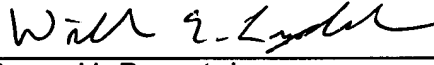
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Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

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